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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: JOINT DEMARCH ON BEHALF OF WESTERN FIVE REVISED
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REF: (A) USUN 1102, (B) USUN 1323

1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS ON APRIL 9 AMONG BRITISH, FRENCH
AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS AND MYSELF, IT WAS AGREED THAT FRENCH
AMBASSADOR JOSE PAOLI, AS THE SENIOR WITH RESPECT TO DATE OF
ACCREDITATION, WOULD MAKE THE DEMARCHE TO THE GOK FOREIGN
MINISTRY ON THE WESTERN FIVE REVISED PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT

OF THE NAMIBIA SITUATION. PAOLI SOUGHT AN APPOINTMENT WITH EITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR HIS UNDER SECRETARY FOR APRIL 10, BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE HIS PRESENTATION UNTIL APRIL 11 AND THEN ONLY TO THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR, AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA ABDUL-SAMAD, BECAUSE THE TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS WERE PRESUMABLY INVOLVED IN THE VISIT OF THE NORTH YEMENI PRIME MINISTER.

2. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR BEGAN HIS MEETING WITH ABDUL-SAMAD BY STRESSING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF BRITAIN, CANADA, FRANCE, FEDREP GERMANY AND U.S., AND THEN EXPRESSED HIS REGRET AT NOT BEING RECEIVED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR THE UNDER SECRETARY ON THIS MATTER OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE. HE NOTED THAT KUWAIT'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL BROUGHT WITH IT GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN MATTERS OF GLOBAL IMPORTANCE WHICH NEEDED TO BE DEALT WITH PROMPTLY. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE COULD MEET SOON WITH EITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR UNDER SECRETARY IN ORDER TO HEAR THEIR REACTION TO THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL. ABDU-SAMAD, SOMEWHAT DISPLEASED BY PAOLI'S COMMENT, MAINTAINED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS NOT BEING NEGLECTFUL OF ITS SECURITY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. PAOLI THEN REVIEWED MAIN POINTS IN MESSAGE CONTAINED REF. A, PRESENTING DIPLOMATIC NOTE ENCLOSING MESSAGE AND PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIA SITUATION (REF. B).

4. ABDUL-SAMAD ASKED WHAT REACTION WAS EXPECTED FROM SOUTH
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AFRICA RE THIS PROPOSAL. PAOLI SAID HE COULD NOT BE SUE BUT NOTED THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN DEvised AFTER LONG DISCUSSION WITH ALL PARTIES AND THAT WESTERN FIVE THOUGHT IT HAD A GOOD CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE PARTIES INVOLVED. THE FIRST STEP IN SECURING THEIR COOPERATION, HOWEVER, WAS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE WEIGHT OF SC APPROVAL WOULD GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING TO OBTAIN THE COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

5. ABDUL-SAMAD CONCLUDED THE MEETING BY STATING THAT THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY WOULD CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL AND INFORM'
THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR OF ITS REACTION.

6. COMMENT: IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL INFORM THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR OF ITS REACTION TO THIS MATTER, BUT WILL PROBABLY, AS IS ITS USUAL CUSTOM IN UN MATTERS, INDICATE ITS POSITION THROUGH ITS UN REP.
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